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## SLEDGE JOURNIES, PART II.

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JOURNAL of TRAVELLING OPERATIONS performed by the Crew of H.M.S.  
"INTREPID," during the Autumn of 1852.

Journal of  
Commander M<sup>c</sup>Clintock.

COPY of INSTRUCTIONS to Commander F. L. M<sup>c</sup>CLINTOCK, H.M.S.V.  
"Intrepid."

By Henry Kellett, Esq., C.B., Captain of H.M. Ship "Resolute."

You are in possession of their Lordships' orders, and know perfectly the object of this expedition.

You are likewise aware of the coasts it is my intention to search in the ensuing spring, having yourself chosen the N.W. Melville Island route, and from your examination of the land between this and "Hecla and Griper Bay," being of opinion that a depôt for your spring travelling may be taken across it, you will as soon as you are in every respect ready endeavour to do so (with your own crew).

I shall not place any limit as to time or to your exertions, confiding fully on your perfect knowledge of what you are undertaking and your known zeal and prudence in its performance.

You will leave the usual notices in eligible places, and forward me on your return a report of your proceedings.

Given under my hand on board H.M. Ship "Resolute," Dealy Island,  
14th September 1852.

(Signed) HENRY KELLETT, Captain.

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JOURNAL of the FIRST JOURNEY overland from WINTER QUARTERS to the  
North Shore of MELVILLE ISLAND, with Carts.

HAVING had the choice of routes for spring travelling, I selected the northern shore of Melville Island and its continuation westward, and in furtherance of the intended search in that direction, the present journey is undertaken, for the purpose of carrying out overland a depôt of provisions to Point Nias, or as far westward along the shore of "Hecla and Griper Bay" as possible.

With a view to effect this service I set out with a sledge party, provisioned for three days, on the morning after our arrival, to examine an apparent creek at the head of this inlet. It proved to be only the mouth of a very large river, now of course dry, and partially covered with snow. It also contained many small pieces and a few large lumps of excellent coal. The hills on both sides were barren, steep, and 500 or 600 feet high, but by following up a ravine to the N.W. I reached by a moderate ascent elevated table land at a distance of 13 or 14 miles from the ship, and over which our carts could travel at the present time, but little snow having fallen as yet. Saw 21 musk oxen, four reindeer, and a flock of 45 ptarmigan. We shot three of the former; the latter appear to be collecting for a migratory movement.

Returned on board the following day, reported proceedings to Captain Kellett, and received his permission to prepare for the attempt. Two carts and the depôt to be carried out were got ready. The latter consisted of pemmican and boiled bacon in tin cases, biscuit, chocolate, tea, sugar, and tobacco, in casks and metal potatoe cases, in due proportions for parties of 11 and eight men, for 30 and 35 days respectively. Two parties were appointed to drag the carts, the second party being placed under